

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
BUREAU OF HEALTH SYSTEM REGULATION  
DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

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In re:

Laurence S. Cohen, D.V.M.

Petition No. 830426-~~47~~-011

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Laurence S. Cohen, D.V.M., of 403 Summerhill Drive, South Windsor, Connecticut has been issued license No. 1417 to practice veterinary medicine by the Department of Health Services pursuant to Chapter 384 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Laurence S. Cohen hereby acknowledges and admits that:

1. On or about February 17, 1982, he improperly failed to euthanize a dog owned by ~~Shirley McDermott~~ and placed for that purpose at the Valley Veterinary Clinic, South Windsor, Connecticut, his place of employment, when he knew or should have known that it was a potentially dangerous animal.
2. During February of 1982 he placed said dog with a new owner without the authorization or consent of ~~Shirley McDermott~~ and without giving proper notice of the disposition as required under §20-205a of the General Statutes of Connecticut.
3. During February of 1982, he failed to accurately explain the medical background of said dog, which he had treated, when he placed it with ~~Shirley McDermott~~, the new owner.

4. During February of 1982, he failed to accurately explain the disposition or behavioral background of said dog when he placed it with ~~any person~~s, the new owner.
5. That through his conduct described in one through four above, he has violated §20-202 of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §19a-17 and §20-202 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, Laurence Cohen hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. That he waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter;
2. That his license to practice veterinary medicine is hereby suspended for a period of six (6) months from the effective date of this Consent Order;
3. That said six (6) month suspension is stayed after three (3) days;
4. That henceforth he shall not make unilateral decisions not to euthanize an animal placed under his care for that purpose without the authorization and consent of the owner of the animal.
5. That henceforth he shall comply with the notice provisions of §20-205a of the General Statutes of Connecticut.
6. That henceforth he shall utilize a form to be signed by the owner of any animal placed under his care for the purpose of euthanasia. Said form shall specify whether he shall euthanize the animal or attempt to place it with a new owner, and the length of time during which he will attempt to place the animal. Said form shall further specify any fees charged by him to the former owner or new owner of the animal;

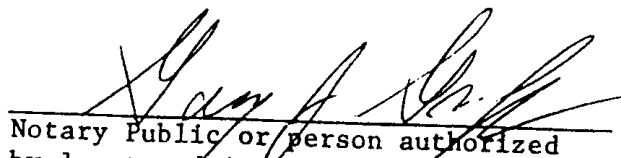
7. That henceforth he shall refuse to accept any animal placed under his care for the purpose of euthanasia, when he refuses to euthanize the animal.
8. That he has provided the Department of Health Services, Public Health Hearing Office with recommendations from two individuals, licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Connecticut, who have supervised his professional activities since the date of the incidents acknowledged above. Said recommendations have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Department of Health Services that Laurence S. Cohen has made efforts to improve his skill and level of professional conduct in the practice of veterinary medicine, and that his activities now meet the standard of practice for said profession.
9. That this Consent Order may be considered as evidence of the admitted violations in any proceeding before the Connecticut Board of Veterinary Registration and Examination (1) in which his compliance with this order is at issue, or (2) in which his compliance with §20-202 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, is at issue;
10. That this Consent Order and the terms and conditions hereof are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack, or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, that said order is not subject to appeal under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive him of any other rights that he may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States;

11. That he understands that this Consent Order is a matter of public record;
12. That he understands that he has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this agreement.
13. That this Consent Order is effective 1 December 1985.

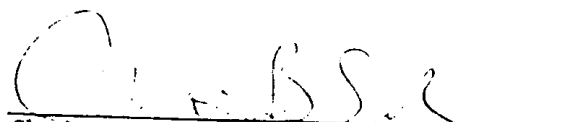
I, Laurence S. Cohen, have read the above Consent Order, and I agree and admit to the terms and allegations set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

  
Laurence S. Cohen

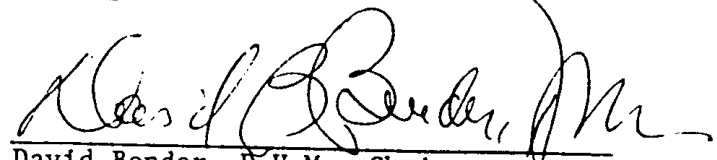
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of November 1985.

  
Notary Public or person authorized  
by law to administer an oath or  
affirmation My Commission Expires March 31, 1987

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly authorized agent of the Commissioner of Health Services on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 1985, it is hereby accepted.

  
Christine B. Spak, Chief  
Public Health Hearing Office

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly authorized agent of the Connecticut Board of Veterinary Registration and examination on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 1985, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

  
David Bender, D.V.M., Chairperson

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